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Required Training Workshop for Registered Interpreters of Eastern Armenian, Western Armenian, Mandarin, and Russian

The Court Interpreters Program will sponsor an oral interpreting skills training workshop for registered interpreters of the four newly designated languages at its southern regional office in Burbank, CA, the weekend of October 18-19, 2008. **All registered interpreters of Eastern Armenian, Western Armenian, Mandarin, and Russian who have passed the written exam by November 2008 will be required to attend the workshop. Only these registered interpreters will be permitted to participate.**

The purpose of the workshop is to provide intensive practice in simultaneous interpretation, consecutive interpretation, and sight translation for registered interpreters of the newly designated languages who have passed the written certification examination but who have not yet passed the oral portion of the certification exam. Therefore, to be eligible to participate in this training workshop, registered interpreters must first pass the written portion of the exam in the language for which they seek certification. Interpreters who have not yet passed the written exam have two remaining opportunities to do so: May 31 (register with Prometric by May 15) and September 27 (register with Prometric by September 12). Each eligible interpreter will be allowed to train in only one of the workshop's four languages: Eastern Armenian, Western Armenian, Mandarin, or Russian; the language you train in must be the same language for which you have passed the written examination.

All registered interpreters of these four languages have been mailed a detailed memo outlining conditions and procedures for participating in the workshop. A workshop registration form will be mailed on or before July 1, 2008. **Please note that the deadline for workshop registration is September 5, 2008.**

In addition to passing the written exam, all registered interpreters of the four newly designated languages must be registered for the November 3-5 oral interpreting exam in order to be admitted to the required workshop. The deadline to register for the November oral exam is October 17, 2008. Due to the close timing of the fall exam dates, **it is strongly advised that interpreters who have not yet passed the written exam register for the May 31 written exam by the stated deadline of May 15, 2008.** Because the results of the September written exam will not be available until mid-October, which is after the September 5 registration deadline for the training workshop, interpreters who are taking the September written exam must register for the workshop without knowing their exam results; those who fail the exam will be ineligible to attend the training workshop.

The workshop is free of charge to participants; however, interpreters are responsible for the costs of their own travel, meals, and accommodations. Please continue to check this site for updates.